

Woking Council's Site Allocation DPD and release of green belt land.

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To: Planning Policy

Dear Sirs,

I attended the meeting on Thursday 16 July at St. Mary's Centre in Byfleet, regarding release of green belt land for housing and a school.

Whilst I appreciate the need to build more houses I do feel that Byfleet should be excluded from this plan for the following reasons.

1. There is other land available. Also we have very little green belt left in Byfleet and this must be preserved. This would remove most of the local green belt, while 98% of Woking's green belt is preserved.

2. The Parvis Road is virtually unusable at certain times of the day at the present time. There will be more traffic added to this if 150 houses are built. That would be bad enough but if a school with 900 pupils is built at Broadoaks, the road will become gridlocked. You are then proposing to build 592 houses at West Hall. Can you imagine the chaos on the roads.

It seems that all roads lead to Byfleet (or through it). There are queues forming from 7 am in the morning and 3 pm in the afternoon going in all directions, i.e. to and from Cobham and A3, Weybridge, New Haw and Addlestone, West Byfleet. Apart from those rush hours (each probably lasting 3 - 4 hours), it is difficult to access the Parvis Road at other times also because of the volume of traffic.

There was mention at this meeting about widening the Byfleet and New Haw station railway bridge. Apparently this is not possible, but it may be possible to adjust the traffic lights to increase traffic flow. Could this not have been done before now? This, however, will not decrease the amount of traffic that takes it's toll on Byfleet and **NOW YOU WISH TO ADD MORE TRAFFIC.**

3. Much of Byfleet and the proposed area has already been flooded or is in danger of flooding. Of course it is possible to build on land that does flood but where does the water go? It is only in the last couple of years that Brooklands park was completely covered in water and so was Tesco's car park. Weymede was flooded also. Will my home be next and I live in the highest part of Byfleet?

4. The current infrastructure provision, i.e. for education, health, drains, roads, etc., is already inadequate and must be rectified before any developments. I can wait a month for a non-urgent appointment at my practice.

5. It seems that the Byfleet Petition with some 2,500 names has been ignored.

I would urge you to reconsider this plan. What quality of life are we to look forward to if this goes ahead?

Yours faithfully,

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